Plan Christmas Program at AES

Students in grades 3 and 4 at the Appomattox Elementary School are now practicing for its Christmas Program entitled, "The Story of the Christmas Wishes," a musical for children's chorus and narrator by Walter and Carol Noona.

Some of the participants in this musical are Jennifer Burke, the old woman; Thomas Phelps, the big brother; and John Canada, the little brother with the 'gold penny'.

The program will be held on December 12, 1978 at 7:30 p.m. in the school's auditorium. We invite all our friends and parents to come out.

Jeanette Drinkard, Publicity Committee

Frank Webber winner of "Name The Frog" Contest.

Veronica Watkins received the most pledges for the "Great American Smoke-Out."

Great American Smoke Out A Big Success

Thursday, November 16th, was the American Cancer Society's "Great American Smoke Out" Day. The winner of the Name the Frog contest for the Appomattox Chapter was Frank Webber, a 6th grader in Mrs. Wiseman's class. He named the frog "Sweet Lips," a great name for the frog who's slogan was "Kiss Me, I Don't Smoke." Frank will receive a picture of "Sweet Lips" to put on a t-shirt. Two other children that participated in the contest were Michael Roach, a 6th grader. He came up with the name "Nic Tarless." Anne Caldwell, also a 6th grader, gave the name "Harry No Smoke."

The child that obtained the most pledges for the Smoke Out Day was Veronica Watkins, in Mrs. Webb's 4th grade class. Veronica also receives a picture of "Sweet Lips" for getting 46 people to pledge not to smoke on November 16th. Other students that asked a large number of people to "kick the habit" for a day were Mary Mayberry, a 6th grader who contacted 43 people; Charlene Reed, a 6th grader who obtained 40 names; and Micnael Penny, a fourth grader who got 31 names.

The American Cancer Society would like to thank all those who worked to make the "Great American Smoke Out" a success in Appomattox. A special thanks goes to WTTX Radio Station, the 4-H Clubs, the FBLA Club at ACHS, Mrs. Shirley Walton, and all the smokers that quit the habit for a day.

As Ted Rogers of Roanoke says, "If you can take a breather from smoking for a day, you might be able to quit for a lifetime, and that's what it's all about. . . A LIFETIME."

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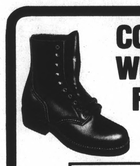

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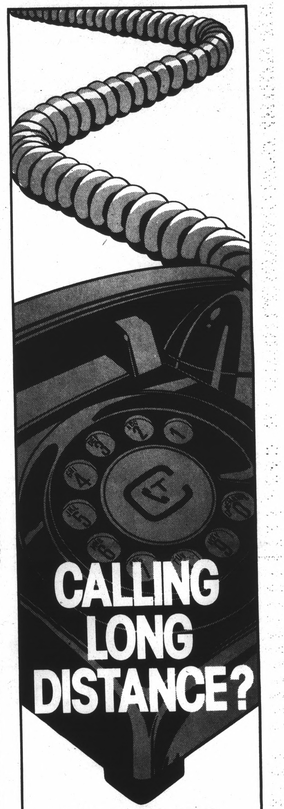

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It's not too late to examine income and expenses for 1978. There just may be some tax management that could reduce income taxes for this year. Tobacco, cattle, hogs are up and this could place you in a different situation.

Feed, fertilizers and seeds for 1979 could be purchased now for later delivery. It's well to have the receipt state the tonnage and analysis of feed or fertilizer. The important point to remember is that this isn't money put on deposit with a dealer for later delivery, but represents a specific purchase.

The payment of family member for labor in the business is another way of reducing taxes. If you provide at least 50% of the support they will qualify. There is no limit to the amount that can be paid, but it should conform with reasonable rates as paid equal labor from other sources. On a sale proprietorship, there is no social security to be paid. If it's a partnership social security tax would be paid. The dependent family member can earn up to $2950 without having to file a tax return. Wages should be paid on a regular basis - - weekly, monthly, etc.

Don't overlook investment credit earned can be taken off the taxes due. Also, if it's not used this year, it can be carried back three years or carried forward seven years. If you don't understand investment credit and you operate a business - - farming, etc., check it out - - it makes a difference.

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Va. Fibre Reports Weekly Wood Purchases

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Virginia Fibre Corporation of Riverville for the week ending November 26, 1978. Purchases are listed by counties.

Albermarle	4,972.26
Amelia	1,473.49
Amherst	4,782.06
Appomattox	11,726.96
Bedford County	1,026.93
Buckingham	18,892.03
Campbell	11,196.53
Charlotte	2,971.48
Clarke	313.74
Cumberland	6,575.74
	9,309.60
Fluvanna	560.17
Franklin County	352.52
Goochland	358.68
Halifax	858.72
Louise	330.32
Nelson	7,024.63
Pittsylvania	332.16
Powhatan	1,402.27
Prince Edward	8,036.10
Prince William	612.72
Rockbridge	617.24
Total	93,726.35

We feel this information is of interest to our readers in Appomattox County and in adjoining counties.

The October farm labor survey showed 4,060,000 workers on U.S. farms, down 2 percent from a year earlier. There are 2,800,000 farm operators and 1,300,000 hired hands. The average wage rate this year is $3.18 per hour, 19c an hour higher than last year.

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In 1978 there were six hybrid seed corn growers in Virginia producing fourteen different hybrids on slightly over 300 acres. In a test at Blacksburg, fifteen hybrids which these producers could grow averaged over 147 bushels of dry corn per acre.

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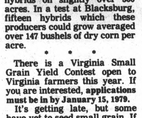
There is a Virginia Small Grain Yield Contest open to Virginia farmers this year. If you are interested, applications must be in by January 15, 1979.

It's getting late, but some have yet to seed small grain. If you are still going to try, be sure the variety seeded has the necessary winter hardiness. It's a gamble. If this winter is like the last two years, it would, of course, be a poor gamble - - but if it is like the winter of 1974-75 and 1975-76, then it's worth the risk.

For barley, Maury, Monroe and Henry have the best winter hardiness. Wheat would have to be one of the releases from Indiana.

Seeding depth becomes important - - seed should go down at least 1½ inches.

With a lot of thin stands, better watch for encroachment of winter annuals. There are fall treatments for specific weeds. Identify the weed before applying a herbicide.



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GOOD NEWS FOR HOMEMAKERS

Shirley W. Walton
Extension Agent

Holiday Safety Tips

When we think of the holiday season, all the joy of this time comes to mind, especially the sharing of gifts, the excitement of children and the beauty of Christmas decorations.

This week I wish to share with you some holiday safety tips. We want our holiday season to be a special time, and in order for it to be a special time, we need to make sure that each family member is safe in our homes and in our activities.

Some safety tips when using lights at Christmas time in our decorations are as follows:

1. Use only lights that have been tested for safety. Identify these by the UL label from Underwriters Laboratory.

2. Check each set of lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bared wires and loose connections. Discard any of this equipment that is not safe.

3. Check labels of lights that are to be used outdoors to see if they are suitable for outdoor use. Never use indoor lights outside. Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, walls or other firms support to protect them from wind damage or breakage.

4. Use no more than three sets of lights per single extension. Read the manufacturer's instructions carefully and do not use more than the recommended number of lights in one circuit.

5. Always turn off lights on trees or other decorations when you go to bed or leave your home even for a short period of time. A short circuit in any of this equipment can cause a fire.

6. Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. Damaged insulation in lighting on a metallic tree could cause the entire tree to be charged with electricity. To avoid this danger, use colored spotlights above or beside a metal tree, never fastened onto it.

7. Keep children away from light sets and electrical decorations. All lights present the problem of shock and casualty hazards for curious children.

Some special cautions concerning paper at Christmas time are as follows:

1. Always dispose of wrappings immediately after opening.

2. Place trash in a metal container or large plastic bag. Do not burn wrappings in the fireplace. Do not burn wrapping in the fireplace, I repeat. This can ignite suddenly and cause a chimney fire. Many homes have been set on fire and people have had to call the fire department because they were burning their Christmas paper in their fireplace.

Trees are so special at Christmastime. Do not rely on chemical coatings or sprays to make your live evergreen tree flame resistant. We need to follow good safety rules when we are shopping for a natural tree. A fresh tree will stay green longer and be less of a fire hazard than a dry tree.

To check for freshness we need to do the following:

1. Check for color and scent. A fresh tree is deep green in color and has a strong scent of pine.

2. Be sure that the needles do not readily fall from the tree.

3. The trunk butt of a fresh tree should be sticky with sap.

Place your Christmas tree in a location away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Be sure that it is out of the traffic pattern and does not block doorways. Cut off about two inches of the trunk of the tree. Mount the tree in a sturdy water holding stand with wide spread legs. Be sure that the tree is stable. Fill the base holder with water and keep it full of water while the tree is indoors.

A special tip to remember is this. If you purchase a tree, make a fresh cut on the bottom of the trunk when you get it ready to put into your tree stand. The sap on the bottom of the tree trunk has sealed over the pores of the wood and it cannot drink the water from your stand until a fresh cut is made.

Homemakers, Christmas is such a special time. We want it to be a safe time. Next year I shall continue with other safety tips for you to use with your family at Christmas time so that you will have a safe and happy holiday season.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

HOLIDAY WREATHS

— CUP BUTTER OR
1 cup butter or margarine
¾ cup confioners sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon almond extract
1 cup oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
Red or green food coloring, if desired
Red and green candied cherries, cut up

Beat together butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add flour, salt and almond extract; mix well. Stir in oats. Tint dough with red or green food coloring, if desired. Shape rounded teaspoonsfuls of dough to form 6-inch long ropes. On ungreased cookie sheet, shape rope to form circle, overlapping ends to form top of wreath. Decorat etop of wreath with candied cherry pieces. Bake in prehested moderate oven (350 degrees F.) about 10 minutes. Cool 1 minute on cookie sheet; remove to wire cooling rack. Makes about 3 dozen cookies. There are delicious and make such nice gifts. Please note that this recipe can be easily doubled.

State Campgrounds Close For Winter

December 4, 1978 has been selected as the date on which campsites in Virginia State Parks will close down for the winter season, according to information received from the Department of Conservation and Economic Development, Division of Parks. Ben H. Bolen, Parks Commissioner, stated that "cabin and campsite reservations for the 1979 season can be made beginning Monday, April 2, 1979 at 10 a.m.

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